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RE: CAFO and CFO rule changes.

Mr. Andy Tauer:

A new rule setting is being made in Indiana for CAFO and CFOs. Public hearings are important and should be continued and the changes suggested should be given the proper consideration, not just heard and forgotten or ignored.


Professional engineers should be required to be licensed in Indiana. They should have a reputable history of intelligent decisions. They should not be hired just because their monetary compensation is less than others. We need competent engineers who have experience with CAFOs.

The Good Character rules should be for everyone with a CAFO or the starting of one. IDEM should do more investigating in permits given. You should not accept the information given as true facts. I know where information was not given correctly.

Setbacks should be farther from homes and public roads, schools, hospitals, etc.

There should be substantial fines for owners submitting false reports and where there is pollution the fines should be substantial and be sure to get the payment.

Self-certification is not appropriate. Who is going to check to see if the information provided by the owner is accurate? We have had pollution of water in counties and the operator say they are not responsible when it is a known fact that they polluted the water.


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